

**IN THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 to 23 (cancelled).

Claim 24 (previously presented): A stanchion for a tarpaulin structure for locking on a fixing member, the stanchion comprising:

- a stanchion part;
- a lever arrangement configured to raise and lock the stanchion,
- a counterbearing rigidly attached to the stanchion part, and
- a supporting element insertable between the fixing member and the counterbearing, such that when the stanchion is locked, vertical forces are transmitted from the stanchion part through the counterbearing and the supporting element into the fixing member.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 24, wherein the supporting element comprises a lower boundary, which is matched in a form-fitting manner to the fixing member, and an upper boundary, which is matched in a form-fitting manner to the counterbearing.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 24, wherein the supporting element is fixed on a part of the stanchion.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 24, wherein the supporting element is fixed on the fixing member.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 24, wherein the supporting element is a separate part to the stanchion and fixing member.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 24, wherein the supporting

element is disposed on the lever arrangement.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 29, wherein the lever arrangement includes a main lever, on which the supporting element is fixed, and an intermediate lever that connects the main lever and the body of the stanchion.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 30, wherein the intermediate lever and the main lever are configured to have a U-shaped cross section profile, and wherein the U-shaped cross section profiles of the intermediate lever and of the main lever engage one over the other when the stanchion is locked.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 31, wherein the supporting element and the counterbearing are covered by a base of at least one of the U-shaped levers in the locked state of the stanchion.

Claim 33 (currently amended): The stanchion as recited in claim 30, wherein the main lever has a joint for the intermediate auxiliary lever and a handle recess is arranged above the joint.

Claim 34 (previously presented): A stanchion for a tarpaulin structure for locking on a fixing member that includes a lever arrangement having joints and configured to raising and lock the stanchion, the stanchion comprising:

a counterbearing; and

a supporting element insertable between the fixing member and the counterbearing, such that when the stanchion is locked, the joints of the lever arrangement do not transmit any vertical forces.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 29, wherein the lever arrangement includes a claw part which can be brought into engagement with the fixing member.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 24, wherein the stanchion has a foot region and a transverse web in the foot region, and wherein, in a locked state of the

stanchion, the transverse web extends behind a lug of the fixing member.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 24, wherein the stanchion has a foot region and struts disposed in the foot region that run vertically and are disposed at a distance from each other, the distance corresponding to a width of the fixing member.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 37, wherein the stanchion has a transverse web in the foot region, the transverse web, in the locked state of the stanchion, extends behind a lug of the fixing member, and wherein the transverse web and the struts are designed as a common part.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 24, wherein the counterbearing upwardly bounds a cutout of the stanchion.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 24, wherein the stanchion is composed of an upper stanchion part and a lower stanchion part which grip in each other.

Claim 41 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 40, wherein the lower stanchion part has a profile with projections which run in a longitudinal direction of the stanchion and have a rectangular profile.

Claim 42 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 24, further comprising a supporting surface, a longitudinal support, and an extension having rollers, and wherein, when the stanchion is raised, the supporting surface comes into contact with the longitudinal support and the extension protrudes above the supporting surface.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The stanchion as recited in claim 24, wherein the counterbearing includes a metal body connected fixedly to a body of the stanchion.

Claim 44 (previously presented): A stanchion arrangement for a tarpaulin structure, comprising a fixing member;

a stanchion, for locking with and releasing from said fixing member, the stanchion comprising a counterbearing that is rigidly attached to the stanchion; and

a supporting element insertable between the fixing member and counterbearing.

**Claim 45 (previously presented):** A tarpaulin frame for a loading area built over by a tarpaulin structure, including longitudinal supports which run above edges of the loading area, wherein the longitudinal supports are supported against the loading area by at least one stanchion arrangement, said stanchion arrangement comprising:

a fixing member;

a stanchion, for locking with and releasing from said fixing member, the stanchion having a foot region and a counterbearing that is rigidly attached to the stanchion; and

a supporting element insertable between the fixing member and the counterbearing, wherein the fixing member is secured in a region of the loading area and the stanchion is locked in the foot region on the fixing member and is supported against a corresponding longitudinal support by means of an upper supporting surface.

**Claim 46 (previously presented):** The tarpaulin frame as recited in claim 45, wherein the tarpaulin structure is a sliding tarpaulin.

**Claim 47 (previously presented):** The stanchion as recited in claim 24, wherein the supporting element is configured to contact the fixing member and the counterbearing when the stanchion is locked, wherein the supporting element rests from above on the fixing member and the counterbearing rests from above on the support element.